

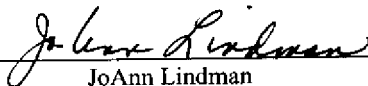
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

<p><b>CERTIFICATE FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION:</b></p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being electronically transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on this <u>23<sup>rd</sup></u> day of <u>December 2008</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By <u></u> JoAnn Lindman</p>
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on January 28, 2009. This paper is timely filed within the priority period.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.